

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, June 5, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Pastor James Witherspoon, Alpha & Omega Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Bethune presided. Council Members: Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Marcia Daniel, Bessie Kicklighter, Debbie Ruiz and Kim Tice.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; and Benny Googe, Public Works Director. Absent: Corbin Medeiros, Interim Fire Chief and Ron Alexander, Planning Director.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive comment from the audience. There being no comments or questions, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 5/15/17 and workshop synopsis dated 5/22/17.

Staff Reports:

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's report for the month of May.

Mayor Bethune asked the HR Director if she did the investigations on workplace injuries. HR Director said I used to, but now they are done by the Safety Coordinator.

Councilmember Kicklighter said what department is the Safety Coordinator in? HR Director said he is in the fire department.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's report for the month of May.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's report for the month of May.

Councilmember Kicklighter thanked the Public Works Director for having Georgia Power fix the street light on her street.

Parks & Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's report for the month of May. He said we planning to hold a cookout at the Senior Center on June 29 at lunchtime. He said we would like to invite all of the seniors who have not been to the Senior Center to come to the cookout to check out what our Senior Center has to offer.

City Council Members asked the Recreation to provide them information on the cookout and schedule of upcoming events at the Senior Center. Recreation Director said I will email it to you.

Recreation Director said our Summer Camp Program is underway and the free breakfast and lunch program started today at the Cooper Center.

City Manager's Updates: City Manager said the work on Chatham Parkway getting underway this week. He said the surveyors are wrapping up and Savannah Christian is out for the summer. He said now that school is out the work will begin to pick up later this month.

City Manager said in regards to the Safety Coordinator, a firefighter doubles as the Safety Coordinator.

Items for Consideration

First Reading, Ordinance – Zoning Map Amendment (Randal Giles- Telfair Place & Telfair Road) Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to rezone certain properties owned by 2CKR Warehouse & Storage, LLC, on Telfair Road (Tax Parcel Nos. 6-0737-02-009, 6-0737-02-010, & 6-0737-02-011) and on Telfair Place (Tax Parcel Nos. 6-0737-02-003B & 6-0737-02-005) from their present zoning classification of “R-2” to an “I-2” zoning classification; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Mayor Bethune said we have changed the zoning in this area in the past. He said this is the natural progression of the zoning in that area.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Second Reading, Ordinance – Zoning Map Amendment (Randal Giles- Telfair Place & Telfair Road) Clerk of Council read the second reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to rezone certain properties owned by 2CKR Warehouse & Storage, LLC, on Telfair Road (Tax Parcel Nos. 6-0737-02-009, 6-0737-02-010, & 6-0737-02-011) and on Telfair Place (Tax Parcel Nos. 6-0737-02-003B & 6-0737-02-005) from their present zoning classification of “R-2” to an “I-2” zoning classification; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

Resolution – Debris Removal & Disposal Services Contract – Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to contract for debris removal, reduction and disposal services.

City Manager said the City went out earlier this year with an RFP for a debris contractor. He said City staff reviewed the four submittals and staff's recommendation is to award the contract to CrowderGulf as the primary contractor. He said two additional firms will be offered secondary contracts. He said the

secondary contractors would only be called into action if CrowderGulf could not respond quickly to the City in the event of a tropical storm, hurricane, etc.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Transcribed & Submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted & Approved by: City Council 6/19/17